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SUBJECT: VISIT OF AUSTRALIAN SAFEGUARDS DELEGATION

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1. A FOUR MAN AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION MET WITH SENIOR COMMISSION OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH NUCLEAR MATTERS IN BRUSSELS ON NOVEMBER 29 FOR DISCUSSION OF NUCLEAR SAFEGUARD MATTERS. THE DELEGATION WAS HEADED BY J.C. HUMPHREYS, ACTING FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ECONOMICS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND INCLUDED FRANK BETT, DIRECTOR OF THE SAFEGUARDS OFFICE OF THE AUSTRALIAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, AND (FNU) FARROW OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. THE DELEGATION HAS ALREADY VISITED LONDON, AND AFTER BRUSSELS WILL HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH EURATOM SAFEGUARD OFFICIALS IN LUXEMBOURG AND WITH IAEA OFFICIALS IN VIENNA AND

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WILL THEN VISIT BONN, OTTAWA, WASHINGTON AND, ULTI-

MATELY, TOKYO.

2. HUMPHREYS EXPLAINED THAT THE DELEGATION IS VISITING A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON EXISTING NUCLEAR SAFEGUARD SYSTEMS AND TO DETERMINE WHETHER THESE SYSTEMS WOULD ASSURE THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT FUTURE EXPORTS OF AUSTRALIAN URANIUM FUELS WILL NOT CONTRIBUTE TO NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION OR DETERIORATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT. DESPITE THE STRONG OPPOSITION OF ENVIRONMENTALISTS TO DEVELOPMENT OF AUSTRALIA'S URANIUM RESOURCES, HUMPHREYSS FEELS THAT ULTIMATELY THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS INDUSTRY TO GREATER EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS IN AUSTRALIA WILL LEAD TO THE REMOVAL OF CONSTRAINTS ON URANIUM MINING, PROCESSING AND EXPORT ON A LARGE SCALE. AUSTRALIA INTENDS TO MAINTAIN TIGHT CONTROL OVER THE FUTURE USES OF THIS URANIUM, HOWEVER.

3. THE DELEGATION INFORMED US THAT IT WAS WELL RECEIVED AND GIVEN A FULL BRIEFING BY EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS FROM SEVERAL DIRECTORATES GENERAL CONCERNED WITH NUCLEAR ENERGY INCLUDING A REVIEW OF THE EURATOM SAFEGUARDS SYSTEM AND THE STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EURATOM-IAEA VERIFICATION AGREEMENT.

4. FRANK BETT EXPRESSED CONCERN TO A MISSION OFFICER THAT EVEN IF/WHEN THE IAEA-EURATOM VERIFICATION AGREEMENT GOES INTO FORCE (REF A), IT WOULD NOT PROVIDE A SUFFICIENTLY INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION ROLE FOR IAEA INSPECTORS TO MEET AUSTRALIAN REQUIREMENTS. HE SAID THAT HE LOOKED FORWARD TO DISCUSSING THIS MATTER FURTHER IN VIENNA, OTTAWA (WHICH APPEARS TO FACE ROUGHLY THE SAME PROBLEM AS AUSTRALIA), AND WASHINGTON. HE AND HUMPHREYS ALSO COMMENTED THAT AUSTRALIA HAS TO BE PARTICULARLY CAREFUL IN REGARD TO UNIFORMITY OF SAFEGUARD TREATMENT FOR ITS URANIUM OXIDE EXPORTS IN VIEW OF JAPANESE SENSITIVITY TO ANY APPARENT DISCRIMINATION, AND WILL BE DISCUSSING THIS FURTHER IN TOKYO (REF B). THEY ADDED THAT THEY ATTACH CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO THEIR DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON BECAUSE OF OUR LONG LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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